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Coordination Meeting

between the Decade Presidency of the Republic of Macedonia and
the Decade of Roma Inclusion Secretariat Foundation

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Skopje, 22 and 23 August 2011

22 August 2011

Participants:

Nezdet Mustafa, Minister without portfolio – Decade National Coordinator; **Mabera Kamberi**, Head of Unit, Ministry of Labor and Social Policy; **Jashe Sefer**, Chief of Cabinet of the Decade National Coordinator; **Tunde Buzetzky**, Facilitator - Decade of Roma Inclusion Secretariat Foundation; **Adem Ademi**, Program Coordinator – Decade of Roma Inclusion Secretariat Foundation;

Venue: Cabinet of Minister Mustafa, Government of the Republic of Macedonia

Objectives:

The aim of the meeting was to discuss and define the Decade Presidency Plan and:

- ✚ Clarify the responsibilities and role of the different stakeholders involved in the implementation of the Presidency Plan;
- ✚ Define the content of the planned events, with a special attention to the 21th International Steering Committee meeting;
- ✚ Fix the date and identify the financial resources of the planned events;
- ✚ Discuss logistics of the events (who is doing what), venue of the events, accommodation, transfer, etc;
- ✚ Discuss and decide about an optional ISC meeting in Brussels as suggested by George Soros;
- ✚ Discuss the issue of Turkey to join the Decade (approach and strategy);
- ✚ Follow-up of the meeting with EC DG Justice, next steps to do.

The Macedonian Decade Presidency informed the Secretariat on the current preparation process of the presidency events. **Unfortunately the Macedonian government has not approved a budget for the implementation of presidency plan yet.** It is expected in the first week of September after the meeting of the government regarding budget re-allocation.

The Macedonian Decade Presidency will set up a **working group for the implement of the Decade Presidency Plan**. The group will be consisted of members of the Minister Mustafa's cabinet, unit for implementation of the Decade at the MLSP and IPA project. Maberka Kamberi and Jashe Sefer will coordinate and supervise the activities of the working group.

Macedonian Decade Presidency will send the name and contact information of the members of the working group to the Decade Secretariat by Friday, 26 August 2011.

As to the **dates and sources of funding** of the Decade Presidency events, the Parties agreed as included in the **attached table of planned events**.

As to **venue and accommodation**, the Decade Presidency considers the **Parliament and the Office of the Government as possible venues and Hotel Holiday Inn** is a good option for accommodation.

As to logistics, Parties will follow the previous years' practices. **Macedonian Decade Presidency considers developing an online registration system**. Macedonia Decade Presidency will provide airport transfer and meals for the participants. The Decade Secretariat will announce the events, collect the registration form and work closely with the Macedonian working group on the logistics of the events.

The Decade Secretariat will request the **Czech Decade Presidency to send information on the registered interest among those countries who were invited to join the Decade by the Czech Presidency** so that the Macedonian Decade Presidency can follow up the invitations.

Parties agreed that the **Macedonian representatives shall meet with the Turkish embassy in Skopje and invite Turkey to join the next ISC meeting in Skopje as an observer. The Decade Secretariat should give a hand in timely manner by preparing the Invitation** for Turkey. A meeting with Turkish authorities responsible for Roma issues can be a good option later this year to follow up the invitation.

Minister Mustafa highlighted that the **Macedonian Presidency** will provide more space for **interactivity and concrete commitments** by the Decade National Coordinators. These commitments should be regularly revisited and results evaluated. The role of the media should be more significant in informing the wider public on concrete results. Joint efforts of the Presidency and Decade Secretariat should contribute to increasing the value of the Decade in the countries where visibility is lacking.

All partners agreed that a meeting with EC DG Justice should be organized in Budapest in September as a follow-up of the meeting in Brussels held on 14 July 2011. **Decade Secretariat will contact DG Justice** to set up and appropriate date and arranging technicalities of the meeting.

23 August 2011

Participants:

Mabera Kamberi, Head of Unit, Ministry of Labor and Social Policy; **Jashe Sefer**, Chief of Cabinet of the Decade National Coordinator; Elvis Memeti – Unit for Implementation of the Decade of Roma Inclusion; **Tunde Buzetzky**, Facilitator - Decade of Roma Inclusion Secretariat Foundation; **Adem Ademi**, Program Coordinator – Decade of Roma Inclusion Secretariat Foundation;

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the content and technical details of the 21st ISC Meeting.

Parties agreed that the Decade Secretariat shall draft the agenda and send to the Macedonian Decade Presidency in order to define and add further elements.

The presidency will organize a **study visit to Shuto Orizari municipality** in the second day of the meeting. The study visit shall provide possibility to visit the Roma communities, schools, NGO and other relevant institutions as well as provide space for discussion during the meetings with the local stakeholders.

